

Wisconsin Farm to School

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General Updates

Check out the [Wisconsin School Garden Initiative Newsletter](#)

The February issue is all about early childhood gardens.

New Farm to School Resources

The National Farm to School Network (NFSN) is excited to release [a set of new farm to school and farm to preschool training materials](#) developed by and for key stakeholder groups including farmers, child nutrition directors, educators and early care providers. Each training template consists of a customizable slide deck, speaker notes, handouts and an evaluation form.

Funding available for tribal communities to attend conference, pre-conference meeting

The National Farm to School Network seeks to engage and support a diverse range of tribal communities from across the nation who are ready to bring farm to school to their community or who are already engaged in farm to school activities. Is your community organization, tribal department or school working on farm to school activities such as school gardens, local food taste tests, traditional foods knowledge, food production or local food purchasing? If so, please consider applying to attend a pre-conference session for Native peoples that will be held April 15, 2014 in conjunction with the 7th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference in Austin, Texas. Full conference registration fees, lodging (up to four nights at the conference hotel), and travel expenses (up to \$600 per person) will be provided for each attending team member. To apply or to learn more, please contact Alena Paisano at alena@farmitablenm.org or by phone at 505-473-1004 ext.16.

United Fresh Produce Association's K-12 Produce Excellence in Foodservice Award.

This is an award where our organization recognizes chefs/foodservice directors in various foodservice industry segments for their use and creativity of fresh produce in their

can nominate themselves, or they can have a community partner, supplier, customer or other colleague nominate them for this award. More information about the award is on [our website](#).

Edible Schoolyard Academy

The Edible Schoolyard Project is now accepting applications for this summer's [Edible Schoolyard Academy](#) and would really appreciate your help in spreading the word. The Academy is a wonderful opportunity for educators to build their kitchen and garden programs while also connecting with like-minded professionals from across the country. The deadline for applications is March 23.

USDA Invites Schools to Celebrate International School Meals Day March 6

Last year, the first International School Meals Day was held on March 8. It was a great success and brought teachers and students in both the United States and United Kingdom together to connect on one of the most critical issues facing the world today – child nutrition.

Webinars, Conferences and Events



Conference Registration Now Open

[Registration](#) for the [7th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference: Powering Up](#) is OPEN. More than 1,000 farm to cafeteria practitioners and stakeholders will be joining the [National Farm to School Network](#) in Austin, Texas, April 15-18 for three days of inspiring field trips, workshops, speakers and networking — will you be one of them?



Healthy Food For All Summit – Wisconsin

Please join us on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Bridgewood Resort and Conference Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. An evening pre-summit on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 will be offered at the same location from 6:00-9:00pm. To Register and for more information go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wischoolbreakfast/healthy-food-for-all>.

USDA Bi-Monthly Webinar Series

p.m. Eastern Time on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, and will include guest speakers from state agencies and school districts. For more information and to register, please visit the [webinar series website](#).

National Good Food Network Webinar: Getting Your Bucks in a Row – The Food Hub Due Diligence Toolkit

February 20, 2014, 3:30-4:45 EST

School Garden and Garden Based Education Training (Wisconsin)

This spring, in partnership with Community GroundWorks of Madison, Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm will be hosting free school gardens and garden based education trainings for teachers as well as interested community members. **Continuing Education Units available for early childhood educators.** While free, spots are limited. Please RSVP to wellspringeducation@gmail.com or by calling (847) 946-5565. **Tuesday, May 6th – 6 to 8 pm and Thursday, March 6th – 6 to 8 pm events.**

Location: Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm

4382 Hickory Rd. West Bend, WI 53090

www.wellspringinc.org

Regional Support Models for Sustaining School Gardens (edWeb Webinar)

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 4pm / Eastern Time

Presenter: John Fisher, Director of Programs and Partnerships at Life Lab, with Park Guthrie, Garden Education Specialist for the Oakland Unified School District in California

School Nutrition Association webinar: Proposed Professional Standards from USDA

Monday, February 24, 2014 2pm-3pm EST

[Register Here.](#)

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires establishing professional standards for school food service directors, managers, all other school nutrition staff and state agency nutrition directors. These standards are an important part of the national strategy to serve healthy foods to all school children. The new proposed standards will be discussed, along with ideas for what may be required, who may be impacted and tips for how school districts can implement them.

Expandiendo el Acceso a Desayunos, Alimentos de Verano, y Alimentos después de la Escuela en Las Comunidades Latinas (Increasing Access to Breakfast, Summer, and Afterschool Meals in Latino Communities)

This webinar will be presented entirely in Spanish and co-hosted by the National Council of La Raza. Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 at 2:00 PM eastern. Estos programas de nutrición

meses de verano. Las organizaciones comunitarias y las escuelas pueden recibir reembolsos por las comidas y los refrigerios que se sirven a los niños que participan en el programa.

Action for Healthy Kids Webinar: School Breakfast: Meeting New Meal Requirements Using Alternative Breakfast Models

Wed, Apr 2, 2014, 4:00pm ET; 3:00pm CT; 2:00pm MT; 1:00pm PT (60 minutes)

Learn strategies to incorporate the new USDA meal requirements for school breakfast and how to incorporate those changes in an alternative breakfast model like Breakfast in the Classroom or Grab and Go.

Farm to School Job Openings

Executive Director for the Women, Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN)

Reporting to the board of directors, the executive director will be WFAN's public face and speak for the organization on a regular basis. She will be in charge of all day-to-day operations, and have overall strategic and operational responsibility for WFAN's staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its vision and mission.

Community GroundWorks 2014 Internships and Crew Leader Position Available in Madison

Community GroundWorks has internships and employment available in organic agriculture, natural areas restoration, and environmental education. We offer both paid and volunteer internships at Troy Gardens and at our other sites in Madison. We are also currently recruiting for the Crew Leader Position at The Youth Farm. Visit our website to learn about our organic vegetable farm, natural areas, kids' garden, and youth farm positions.

Farm to School Funding Opportunities



Robot Coupe Announces Schools Recipe Contest

In recognition of School Nutrition Foundation entering into 50 years of service, Robot Coupe is sponsoring a school recipe contest and giving away a CL-50E vegetable processor complete with accessory package.

FY 2015 USDA Farm to School Grant RFA to be Announced Mid-February

USDA expects to announce the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Farm to School Grant request for applications (RFA) in mid-February. Announcements will be made via this e-letter, a press release, and the [farm to school website](#).

USDA Announces Notice of Funding Availability for Value-Added Producer Grants

Grant Application Deadline: February 24, 2014

Grants are available to help agricultural producers create new products, expand marketing opportunities, support further processing of existing products or goods, or to develop specialty and niche products. They may be used for working capital and planning activities.

Home Depot's Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant

Home Depot's Retool Your School program provides grants through a two-tier structure for campus and facility improvements at historically black colleges and universities. The program awards Tier I and Tier II grants based on a combination of consumer voting and advisory board panel selections. The college with the highest score will receive a \$50,000 Tier I grant; thirteen other applicants will receive Tier II grants of \$10,000 each. An additional three Campus Pride grants of \$25,000 each will be awarded to the schools with the most votes and social media activity, as determined by Home Depot. Grant funds will go toward an improvement project at each school that is likely to have impact on the lives of students, faculty, and alumni for generations to come.

Voices for Healthy Kids Grant Opportunities

The American Heart Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have joined forces to launch [Voices for Healthy Kids](#). Through this collaboration, and in partnership with a team of experts across the childhood obesity movement, the initiative aims to engage, organize and mobilize people to improve the health of their communities and reverse the childhood obesity epidemic.

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